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SUBJ: SADAT'S CONCERN ABOUT NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN  
SINAI/GAZA

1. FOLLOWING FAHMY'S BRIEFING FOR CODEL HAMILTON TWO EVEN-  
INGS AGO, HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD AN URGENT MATTER TO  
DISCUSS WITH ME PRIVATELY. HE THEN HANDED ME FOLLOWING  
MEMORANDUM:

2. QUOTE: NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN RAFAH. THE JERUSALEM  
POST, IN ITS ISSUE OF JUNE 29TH STATED THAT NEW ISRAELI  
SETTLEMENTS WERE ADDED TO THE ALREADY EXISTING SETTLEMENTS  
IN RAFAH. THE POST WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE HEAD OF NAHAL  
HAROFIT SETTLEMENT SAID THAT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE HIS NEWLY  
BUILDING LIVING QUARTERS OCCUPIED BY AUG. THE NEW SETTLEME-  
MENT IS SITUATIONED THEN KMS EAST OF EL ARISH AND WAS  
DESCRIBED BY ITS HEAD AS POSSIBLY BEING THE FUTURE LIMIT OF  
ISRAEL'S BORDER WITH EGYPT. UNQTUOE.

3. FAHMY SAID HE WAS BRINGING THE MATTER TO OUR ATTENTION  
ON SADAT'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. THE PRESIDENT WANTED  
PRES CARTER TO KNOW ABOUT THIS MOST RECENT INDICATION OF WHAT  
HE CALLED "ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS". FAHMY SAID WE  
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SHOULD BE AWARE HOW DEEPLY SADAT FEELS ABOUT THESE SETTLEMENTS.  
SHOULD THEY BE EXPANDED, AS IS SUGGESTED IN THE LATEST  
JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE, IT WILL SIMPLY ADD NEW OBSTACLES TO  
THE ALREADY DIFFICULT ME PEACE PROCESS. SADAT WAS SURE  
THAT PRES CARTER HAS NOTED THAT HE HAS MADE VERY FEW PUBLIC  
STATEMENTS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. HE HAS REFRAINED FROM DOING  
SO PRIMARILY TO HELP MAKE THE ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO SUCC-

ESSFUL TALKSWITH BEGIN. IF, HOWEVER, THE ISRAELIS GO ON WITH THEIR SETTLEMENTS POLICY IN EGYPTIAN TERRITORY, AND BLATANTLY ANNOUNCE SUCH SETTLEMENTS, HE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RESPOND. SILENCE IN MATTER OF THIS SORT IS TAKEN BY THE ISRAELIS TO MEAN ACQUIESCENCE. HE HOPED THAT PRES CARTER WILL MAKE CLEAR TO PRIMIN BEGIN THAT ISREALI SETTLEMENTS POLICY, IF NOT CURBED, IS A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO PEACE.

4. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, FAHMY THEN GRUMBLED THAT WE SURELY KNOW ABOUT SUCH NEW SETTLEMENTS AND SAY NOTHING ABOUT THEM. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS HE WELL KNEW, ISRAEL IS UNDER NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD ITS SETTLEMENTS POLICY. OUR POSITION ON THE SUBJECT HAS PREATEDLY BEEN MADE CLEAR, BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY. FAHMY ARGUED THAT THIS LATEST ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT WARRANTS ANOTHER RESTATEMENT OF OUR POSITION.

5. COMMENT: FROM HIS REMARKS, IT IS CLEAR THAT FAHMY IS CHAFING TO ISSUE SOME STRONG STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE RAFAH AREA. FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST HE IS BEING HELD BACK BY SADAT. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IS LIKE WAVING A RED FLAG BEFORE GOE, AND ESPECIALLY FAHMY. LIKE AN ANGRY BULL, HE IS INVARIABLY TEMPTED TO CHARGE IN THE FORM OF SOME STRONG PUBLIC ATTACK ON ISRAEL. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD SAY TO SADAT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TAKEN NOTE OF SADAT'S MESSAGE WILL TAKE UP THE SUBJECT WITH PRIMIN  
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